



# Benjamin Franklin Chapter

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Sons of the American Revolution

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# NEWSLETTER October 2015

## Miracle on Lake Erie

# Perry's victory near Put-in-Bay steals control of Lake Erie

You know about the giant mural of Commodore Perry that hangs in the Ohio State House Rotunda, and you may have been atop the Perry Monument at Put-in-Bay. But did you know that when the War of 1812 began, Britain controlled Lake Erie and that the United States had virtually no naval presence there.

Perry's astonishing victory, not only placed the United States in control of the lake, but also led to the recapture of Detroit, and the death of the Indian leader Tecumseh

as well as his powerful confederation of tribes in the vicinity of Ohio.

At the October meeting, retired USN officer Mike Gordon will present his excellent PowerPoint program on the Battle of Lake Erie and reveal the factors that led to this strategically important event.

The meeting will be noon on Saturday the 24 at the MCL in the Kingsdale Center in Upper Arlington.

Relax Buckeye fans. OSU plays at Rutgers at 8:00 p.m. so we expect excellent attendance.



*In the giant mural in Ohio's capitol, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry famously transfers his Command from the Lawrence to the Niagara.*

# Chapter reaches 150 members with induction of father and son

The September meeting witnessed the induction of Dr. Michael R. Grever and his son Jeffrey M. Grever. Both men are employed in the medical field at OSU--Michael as Head of Internal Medicine and Jeffrey as Digital Communications Manager at the Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

The Benjamin Franklin now has 150 members, 53% more than the 97 members at the end of 2014.



*Jeffery and Michael Grever were inducted at the October 18 meeting.*



## Friendship Village receives 2015 American Flag Award

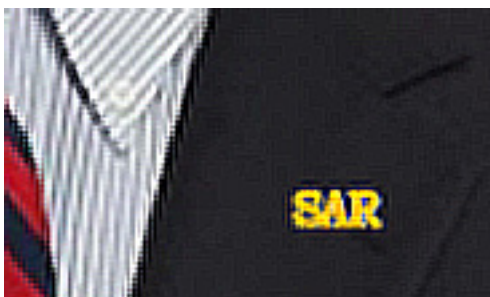
*Chris Harter of Friendship Village of Columbus receives the 2015 American Flag award from Chapter president Chuck Finley. The flag was at half staff because the presentation was made on the anniversary of 9-1-1. This award is given for the exemplary display of the American flag.*

*Friendship Village of Columbus surrounds the flagpole with plantings and illuminates the flag at night.*

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

**The October meeting will be at noon  
on Saturday the 24th at the  
Kingsdale MCL**

## SAR National seeks to improve SAR branding with pins for members



Too often we hear people say, "I know about the DAR, but I've never heard of the SAR." National has decided that one of the easiest things we can do first, as an organization, to enhance awareness is to start emphasizing the initials "S A R" by distributing the SAR lapel pin shown at left.

These pins can be ordered by members through individual SAR chapters for only \$10. Benjamin Franklin chapter members will be able to order their pins during the next two months through the chapter.